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***Corticeus unicolor* Pill. & Mitt. (Col.: Tenebrionidae) new to Warwickshire**

I was interested to read A.A. Allen's comment on the relative status of *Corticeus fraxini* (Kug.) and *C. unicolor* in the recent *Ent. Rec.* **110**: 168 just a few months after I had taken a specimen of this RDB 3 species in a private woodland in Warwickshire to which I have had access from the owners for nearly ten years. It was one of three found on 9.v.1998 on sap beneath the bark of an oak *Quercus* branch which had been left lying on the ground amongst a pile of other branches during winter felling operations in the wood within the previous two to three years. As the wood contains a sizeable area which is notified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), it is the policy to leave some recently cut and also decaying wood on the ground. The discovery of this species new to the county was just in time to be included in *A Provisional Atlas of the Cleroidea & Heteromera Beetles of Warwickshire* by Steve Lane, Keeper of Natural History at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Coventry where the specimen, determined by Steve Lane, has been retained in the entomology collections. In Hyman & Parsons (1992, *A review of the status of the scarce and threatened Coleoptera of Great Britain*, 1: 413), as Allen quotes, it is accorded "rare" status "with only four county-divisions for the post-1970 period." It would be interesting to hear whether the species has been found elsewhere since Hyman & Parsons was published. I would like to thank Steve Lane for his unfailing support with identifications and both he and A.A. Allen for encouraging me to publish this note.— B.R. MITCHELL, 127 Watling Street, Grendon, Near Atherstone, Warwickshire CV9 2PH.